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04/05/2011 Minutes

VISION 2020 ENVIRONMENT TASK GROUP

SPY POND COMMITTEE

APRIL 5, 2011 MEETING- Minutes, Approved June 7, 2011

Town Hall Annex, First Floor

In attendance: Brad Barber, Bill Eykamp, Joey Glushko, Jane Howard, Elizabeth Karpati, Bob & Harriet Noyes, Stroker Rogovin.

Facilitator: Joey Glushko

Minutes: Elizabeth Karpati

Next meetings: 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays, May 3, June 7, Aug. 2, Sept. 6, Oct. 4, Nov. 1, Dec. 6.
 Town Hall Annex, first floor.

- The **minutes** of the March meeting were accepted with minor amendments.
- **EcoFest** (March 26) went well. We had our big display of photographs with new ones of the campaign against phragmites, and samples of the phragmites, and distributed announcements of our coming events: speakers at our May 3 meeting and Trails Day on May 7.
- **Phragmites:** Brad reported that he and John McKenna did some raking at Kelwyn Manor Park and found that much of the area is a mat of phragmites roots and stems over water that you can walk on, while most of the phragmites on the island grows on wet soil. Seeds must be put on soil, not phragmites debris. Seeding should be done in late April or early May; plugs of emergent plants should be planted in July.
- **Trails Day:** assignments for publicity were reviewed.
- **Water sampling:** Bill Eykamp talked to MyRWA, which is interested in adding Spy Pond to its sampling program – one or two spots, monthly or bimonthly, upwind and downwind. One spot could be near the boat ramp, i.e. at a point of greatest public use. MyRWA may offer some help from its summer interns, but paying for the testing is a problem: the set of standard tests done on each MyRWA sample costs \$120, though only some of these tests would be applicable for Spy Pond. Could money from the waterbodies fund be used?
- Stroker suggested that to **recruit** young people for the committee we need more modern methods than the census survey, such as videos and Facebook.

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